

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്.— ഏഴു പലയരെ നിയമിച്ചു എന്ന് ഇതിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. അവരുടെ ജോലി എന്താണെന്നു പറയാമോ? രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.— നോട്ടീസു വേണം.

Bridge at Karanchira—Construction of.

222. Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they propose to construct a bridge at Karanchira connecting Kattur with Trichur Taluk;

(2) whether they have received a petition from the people of Kattur and the neighbouring villages praying that the bridge should be at or near Kattur ferry; if so, will they be pleased to place on the table a copy of the petition?

(3) what is the original recommendation of the Chief Engineer and of the Road Board on the location of this bridge;

(4) what is the approximate cost of the construction of this bridge if at (a) Karanchira and if at (b) Kattur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes. Copy of the petition is appended. (*Appendix I*)

(3) The recommendation is to construct it at Karanchira.

(4) The construction of the bridge at Karanchira will cost about Rs. 52,000. The cost for a bridge at Kattur has not been worked out.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Will the Government be pleased to say whether the Chief Engineer inspected the place of Kattur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know which will be the cheaper, the construction of the bridge at Karanchira or Kattur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The construction of the bridge at Kattur may prove to be cheaper.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether the bridge at Kattur will not be more beneficial to the people nearby for coming to the Kattur High School and the hospital there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The bridge at Karanchira will be more beneficial to the people of Chirakkal, Manalur and Kandassankadavu than at Kattur. So it was thought that the bridge at Karanchira would be more useful to the general public.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Which will be nearer to Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The bridge at Kattur will be nearer to Trichur. But the majority of the people have to come from Manalur and Kandassankadavu and for them Karanchira will be better.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether the Government further investigated into the matter after they received the petition from the people of Kattur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Are there not two ferries in these two places?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Which is the ferry more frequented by the public judged from the collections at the ferry?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is the Karanchira ferry.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—What is the difference between the ferry collections of these two places?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Karanchira ferry is auctioned for Rs. 300 while the Kattur ferry is auctioned only for Rs. 30.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did the Government enquire into the petition appended to this answer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are not the facts contained in the petition true?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—So far as it relates to Kattur they are true.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Then how does the Government say that it is more useful to have it in Karanchira?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—As the Member for Adoor has pointed out the number of passengers crossing at the site now proposed is much larger and further this bridge would open up a larger area namely Manalur, Kandassankadavu, Triprayar and so on, than it would if it was at Kattur. And in a consideration of this question the necessity for the larger number of people should always be considered first.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will not this bridge at Kattur open up other places like Kurumpilavu, Inchamudy, Cherppu and other places?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—But then the greater necessity is for the people from Tripprayar side to go to Karanchira.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know how the Government have calculated the actual number of the people crossing the ferries? Is it from the collections at the ferries?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—From the amount that we get.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the difference in the amount?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The amount collected from Karanchira is almost ten times that collected from Kattur. From Karanchira we get Rs. 300 while only Rs. 30 is got from Kattur.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether there is a public road connecting the Kattur ferry?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is a Panchayat road.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Even if the bridge is constructed at Kattur will it not open places like Manalur, Kandassankadavu? What will be the distance?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It will be about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—If the distance is only $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles will the Government consider whether it is possible to construct the bridge at Kattur in view of the fact that besides a large number of people benefitting by it, it will also be much cheaper?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Cheapness is not the only consideration which weighed with us in locating the bridge at Karanchira.

Appointment—Assistant Professor—Maharaja's College—application for.

223. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a Cochinite, who is a research scholar in coconut industry under the Madras University, had applied for an Assistant Professorship in the Maharaja's College (Chemistry section);

(b) what were his academic qualifications;